



Rangilo Rajkot





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About Rajkot

Rajkot was once the capital of the princely State of Saurashtra, before its merger in to the Bombay State on 1st of November, 1956. The sprawling city of Rajkot is located on the banks of River Aji and Nirari, and lies in the centre of Saurashtra. It is a flourishing industrial hub with wide streets and a distinctly urban architecture. The typical Kathiawari hospitality greets people from all walks of life. Here complicated business deals are struck over cups of tea, jalebi-fafda and ice-cream. The city over the years has earned the title 'Rangilo Rajkot' and the exuberance of the people more than lives up to the name.

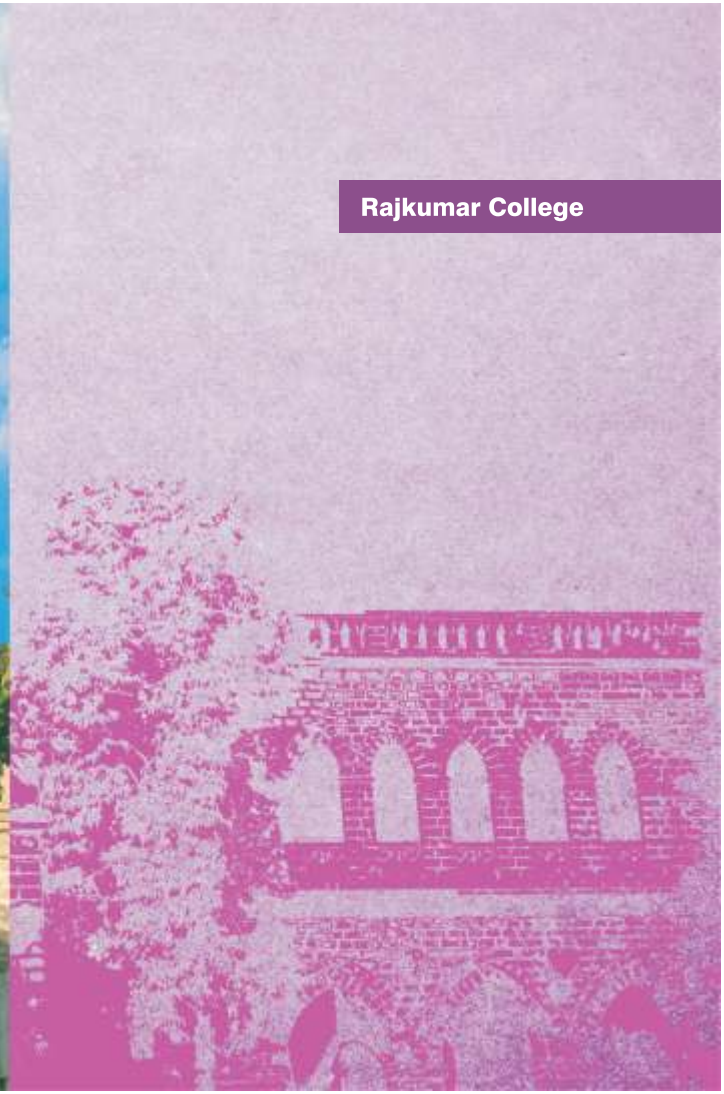
Today it is best known as the town where Mahatma Gandhi spent the early years of his life, when his father was the Diwan or Prime Minister to the Raja of Saurashtra.

Welcome to the land of fun, frolic and food!





Rajkumar College



Tourist attractions:

Rajkumar College: This is one of the oldest colleges founded in India, by the princes and the chiefs of Kathiawar for the education of the princely order. The RKC was opened to the public in 1939 and is one of Rajkot's most esteemed schools. A series of buildings in Indo-Gothic architecture, characterize this 25 acre campus, exuding an old world charm.

Location: Dr. Radhakrishnan Road, Gavliwad.

Timings: Across the day, every day. Permission to be obtained from the Principal's office for touring the campus.

For more details: +91 281 246 6064 / 248 1032.

Rashtriya Shala: Rashtriya Shala was established in 1921 by the erstwhile ruler of Rajkot, Lakhaji Raj Thakore, in the presence of Mahatma Gandhi to serve as a national educational institution. From 1934 Khadi spinning and weaving were introduced here. Today this institution is involved in reviving Patola weaving techniques.

Location: 3 km from Rajkot railway station.

Timings: 09.00 am to 12.00 noon.

For more details: +91 281 246 6076.

Kaba Gandhi no Delo / Gandhi Smriti: It is the house where Mahatma Gandhi grew up. It now holds a permanent exhibition of Gandhian items called Gandhi Smriti. The house offers a pictorial tour of the Mahatma's life with captions in both Hindi and Gujarati.

Location: Kadiya Nav Line, Street No.8, Sri Lakhajraj Road, Lohana Para.

Timings: 09.00 am to 12.00 pm and 03.00 pm to 06.00 pm.
Sundays after 10.00 am.

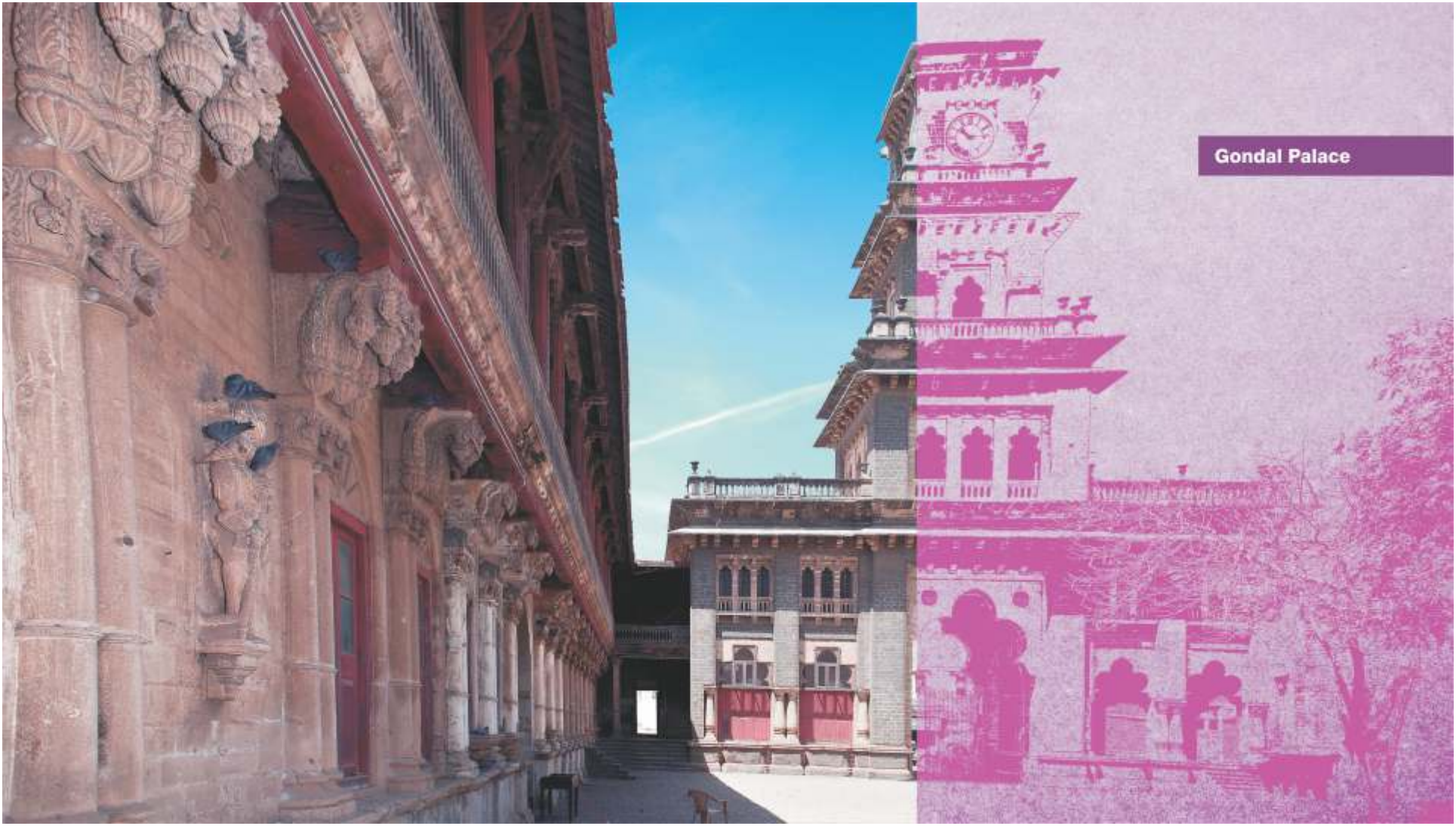
For more details: +91 281 222 6544.

Bangdi Bazaar: The market in the old part of the city is a maze of narrow alleyways, lanes and dead ends. Shop fronts and foot paths display an array of embroidered fabrics, beadwork, bandhanis and readymade material. A colorful riot of Bangles in every form and shade gives the market the apt title of Bangdi Bazaar.

Location: Kanak Road in the Old City.

Lang Library: It is an institution over a hundred years old which commemorates the memory of Col. Lang. Originally started as Vidya Gun Prakash in 1856, it came to be finally housed in the present building in 1893.





Gondal Palace

Watson Museum: Adjacent to the Lang library is the Watson Museum built in 1858 and named after Col. John Watson, the then political agent of Kathiawar. It was built to house archaeological finds and showcase Saurashtra's cultural heritage. Among the exhibits are copies of artifacts from the Indus Valley Civilization, 13th century carvings, rare inscriptions on copper and textiles, besides a huge marble statue of Queen Victoria on her throne.

The entry fee is ₹ 2/- for Indians, ₹ 50/- for Foreigners.

Location: Dhebar Road, Lohana Para.

Timings: 09.00 am to 06.00 pm. Closed on alternate Sundays and public holidays.

Ramkrishna Mission: In the mid 19th century, Swami Vivekanand set out to revitalize Vedic philosophy in India. He established Ramkrishna Mission at various places across the country. The one here is located on a serene campus and offers a value based education. It has a public library, an Ayurvedic center, a guest house and a permanent exhibition showcasing the life of Shri Ramkrishna Paramhans.

Location: Dr. Yagnik Road.

Timings: 05.00 am to 12.00 noon and 04.00 pm to 08.30 pm.

For more details: +91 281 246 5200 / 2463000.

Also of interest would be a visit to Aji Dam (8km), which supplies water to Rajkot city, Lalpari lake and Randerda (5km) a picnic spot.

Swaminarayan Temple: This Temple was built by the Swaminarayan Sampraday and is one of the oldest, most beautiful temples of Rajkot.

Location: On Bhupendra Road, Kothariya Naka.

Timings: 05.00 am to 09.00 pm.

For more details: +91 281 2232494.

Places to see around Rajkot:

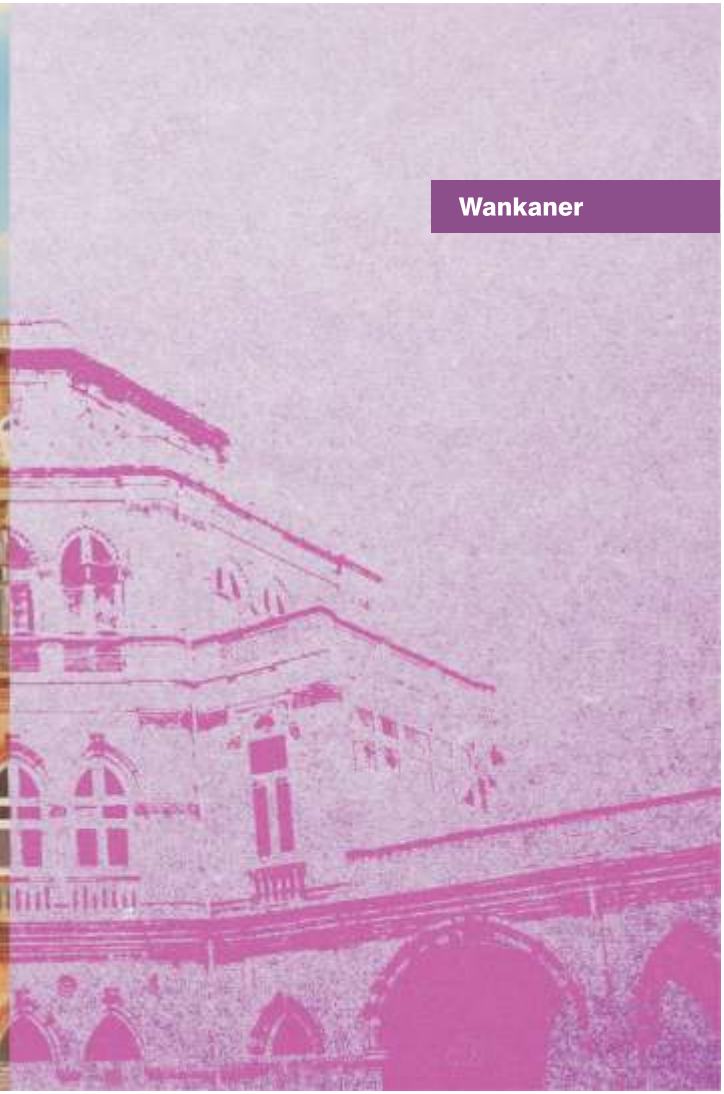
Gondal: Located in the south of Rajkot city, Gondal was amongst the most prominent princely states of the Kathiawar group. It has some beautiful palaces and living spaces like the Riverside Palace which is now a Heritage Hotel. Gondal is also famous for Shree Bhuvaneshwari Mata temple. The Bhuvaneshwari peeth runs an Ayurvedic hospital, a Kathiawari horse breeding farm and a Gir cattle farm.

Location: 39 km south of Rajkot.





Wankaner



Wankaner: It is nestled around a bend on the River Machchhu, hence its nomenclature - 'Wanka' meaning bend and 'Ner', a river. The former princely state is a place to explore. The Ranjit Vilas Palace was built by His Highness Amarsinghji in the year 1907. The two palace guest houses, The Royal Residency and the Royal Oasis, are now Heritage Hotels.

Location: 53 km from Rajkot.

Hingolghadh: A well-preserved wildlife sanctuary, it is 80 km south east of Rajkot and 15 km from Jasdan. More than 300 species of birds can be sighted here. Nature education and interpretation camps are organized and a camp site has also been developed.

The royal family of Jasdan has developed a Hingolghadh Nature Education Sanctuary and Shri Lavkumar Khachar has made pioneering efforts in the field of Nature Education.

Virpur: Located here is the Jalaram Bapa temple, a popular pilgrimage site and the former residence of the saint and social reformer. He dedicated his life to selfless service. During his late teens Jalaram Bapa and his wife established a *sadavrat*, offering food to people at all hours. Nobody returned hungry from their doorstep.

Tankara: In 1824, the Tankara village was blessed with the birth of a child who later grew up to be a great social reformer and began a Hindu movement based on Vedic principles. This venerable personage was none other than Swami Dayanand Saraswati and the movement that he initiated is the Arya Samaj of today.

Location: 44 km from Rajkot.

Rampara Wildlife Sanctuary: Marked with fringes of hillocks around the bordering periphery with wild grass, is the Rampara Wildlife Sanctuary. The sanctuary got the status of 'Reserve Forest' in the year 1983 before which it served as a shooting reserve that belonged to the former princely state of Wankaner also known as Central Saurashtra. The natural spread of the sanctuary is known for housing an entire troop of mammoth antelopes.

Khambhalida Caves: At Khambhalida there are three caves, the central one called 'chaitya' has a worn-out stupa. The entrance of the 'chaitya' is flanked by two large sculptures of the Bodhisattvas - Padmapani on the right and Vajrapani on the left. These caves date back to the 4th-5th century AD and are carved out from the local limestone rock.

Location: 8 km from Gondal railway station.



Morbi



Morbi: As one enters Morbi, the swaying pylons of the suspension bridge and the beatific riverfront are a pleasant reminder of Victorian London. The town is famous for its clocks, tiles and the flourishing ceramic industry.

Location: 67 km from Rajkot.

Climate & Clothing: Gujarat experiences a moderate to extreme summer with temperatures shooting up to a maximum of 44.5°C and during winters it drops to a minimum of 9°C. Tourists are advised to carry skin care products as per their requirement and also have proper head gear to protect from heat.

How to reach:

By Road: Rajkot is well connected to the major cities and towns by state transport and private buses.

By Rail: The railway station is almost 6 km away from the Teen Batti triple gateway. Trains for Delhi, Mumbai, Cochin, Coimbatore, Kolkata, Amritsar, Patna and Bhopal are available from Rajkot. Intercity trains connect Rajkot to other major cities.

By Air: The city has a domestic airport linking it to Mumbai.

Nearest Tourism Office:

Bhavnagar House, Jawahar Road, Behind State Bank of Saurashtra, Rajkot - 360 001. Tel: +91 281 2234507.





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